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The Federal Communication Commissions Move for Media Deregulation

Media mergers are a threat to our Democracy. They produce bland entertainment and news lacking in an wide may of viewpoints. If broadcasting is allowed to buy up newspapers we will lose a valuable independent agent of the news.

We need diversity represented in our media for a democracy to flourish. If it becomes the exclusive tool of big business it will only represent that which is in its own interest. We need locally owned and controlled media outlets that have an advantage over networks because they can address the immediate and unique problems of a community and help with informing people about local issues that affect them, a necessary component to problem solving.

Ownership limits need to be strengthened not weakened. Our media suffers already from homogenous, repetitious and boring entertainment and news analysis. The entertainment industry is short on creative ideas and long on hype. News analysis often represents only one side of an issue, the side least threatening to money interests.

The critical role the news media plays in being a watch dog is threatened when people fear for their jobs for offering insights into corruption of the corporate world if only large consolidated corporations are their boss.

A media that is bought and sold by a few large corporate powers will in the end represent those few that profit from it limiting discussion and representation. A media controlled by a few corporate powers is an ominous threat to our ability to act as informed citizens and the beginning of the end for democracy.

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